

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT:	Michael R. Morgenthaler and Federico Alberto Mezzatesta	§ § §	ART UNIT: 1723
SERIAL NO :	10/803,324	§	EXAMINER:
FILED:	March 18, 2004	§	David L. Sorkin
FOR:	Mud Tank With Pressurized Compartment	§ §	CONFIRMATION NO.: 5577

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 2006**

Atty. Dkt. No.: 1814-20500  
Date: December 18, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated September 20, 2006, and in reply submit the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.